

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1, 4, 6, 22-24, and 28-40 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 6, and 22 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 5, and 25-27 have been canceled. Claims 9-21 have been withdrawn without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention, and claims 29-40 have been added. No new matter has been added.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 2-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The claims have now been amended in such a manner that it is believed the Examiner's grounds of objection have been rendered moot.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-8 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph on the basis the specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims. The claims have now been amended in such a manner that it is believed the Examiner's grounds of objection have been rendered moot.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

A. Baneyx

Claims 1, 7, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baneyx (Curr. Opin. Biotechnol., 1999). The claims are now directed to IBCG, its salts, and optical isomers, thereby rendering this ground of rejection moot.

B. Marquez et al.

Claims 3, 7, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marquez et al. (Anales de Quimica, 1983). Again, in view of the amendments to the claims, it is believed this rejection is rendered moot.

C. Hindsgaul

Claims 1-7 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hindsgaul (U.S. Pat. No. 6,174,867). In view of the amendments to the claims, it is also believed this ground of rejection is rendered moot.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims directed to IBCG would be allowable. The Examiner further notes that Applicants would be entitled to rejoinder of the methods of making and methods of using, and that the protected product recited in claim 28 would be allowable. Applicants have therefore presented claims directed to the methods of making and using IBCG. It is believed all of the claims of record are allowable.

V. **Conclusion**

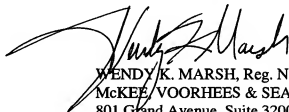
For all of the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.

Please consider this a two-month extension of time from March 30, 2006 to May 30, 2006. This is a small entity, therefore, please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$225.00 for this two-month extension.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$300.00 for 4 additional claims over 20 and 2 additional independent claims over 3. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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